

Minutes of Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd Board Meeting, 19 January 1998, 172 Skye Road, Frankston

PRESENT: Lois Wishart, Richard Greaves, A.R. Gourley, Greg Wishart and David Griffiths.

Minutes

1. Resolved that the minutes be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting of 18 December 1997 and be signed by the Chairman.

Moved: Richard Greaves

Seconded: Lois Wishart

CARRIED

SEC News

The Secretary reported that Vol. 1 No 2 of SEC News had been mailed to members, United Energy and the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd.

It was noted that Vol. 1 No 3 was due in February 1998.

It was agreed that the article prepared by the Chairman on the meeting with United Energy was accurate and would be included in the next issue.

It was agreed that the Secretary would forward the article to Matt Dillon, of United Energy, as a courtesy to enable the correction of any inaccuracies.

Frankston Chamber of Commerce

It was noted that member Des Ryan was proposing to organise a meeting of small business members of the Chamber to discuss future electricity supply arrangements through Southern Energy Co-operative Ltd.

United Energy

The letter of 9 January 1998 from United Energy's Caroline Dunlop, Customer Service, to Greg Wishart with a variety of brochures and fact sheets was tabled.

It was agreed that the Secretary would write to Caroline Dunlop thanking her for the information forwarded. A list is attached to these minutes.

It was also noted that United Energy had separately forwarded an item on super capacitors – power storage devices, Cap XX Pty Ltd Exploits Remarkable Capacity.

It was also agreed that Richard Greaves would contact United Energy re:

1. The promised contact on poles in general and fiberglass poles in particular.
2. Placing all directors on a future mailing list to receive copies of Impetus
3. Obtaining 250 copies of the brochure Heating Solutions That Save Money for distribution to members with the next issue of SEC News
4. State of account information for the last financial year.

Office of the Regulator-General, Victoria

The Secretary provided directors with an ORG brochure, Consultation for Better Results. He reported that he had asked to provide 250 copies each of this and three other brochures:

- Electricity Pricing Residential Small-Medium Business
- Victoria's Electricity Industry Step-By-Step To Choice
- Office of the Regulator-General Independent Economic Regulator

Greenhouse

The Secretary distributed copies of the following documents to members:

- Crooks, Anthony C Rounding the Corner? Co-op Involvement in Ethanol Industry Grows Despite Uncertainty, Rural Cooperatives, July/August 1997, pp 28-33
- Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, FCCC/CP/1997/Add.1, 10 December 1997
- Nebraska Ethanol Board, Better Gas Cleaner Air

Audit

The letter of 15 January 1998 from Mr. J. Mulhall, of Pobjoy, Mulhall & Associates was received in response to the Secretary's letter of 21 December 1997. Mr. Mulhall has replied that he has no objection to resigning as auditor.

It was agreed that the Chairman would contact:

- Mr. Mulhall regarding the next step, the explanation that would have to be provided to the Registrar and the anticipated time before the Registrar made a decision.
- The Registrar of Co-operatives to prepare for the possible resignation of the auditor and obtain the necessary notification form, the cost of lodging the notification and the expected time for a decision to be made by the Registrar.

Business

It was noted that the Secretary had not distributed the list of potential items that could be sold by the co-operative.

The Secretary said that he would again look for the list and the Chairman said that he would try and recreate the list.

General Business

Invitation. It was agreed to invite Cr. Mark Conroy to attend the Board meeting in February.

Model Rules. The Secretary advised that the model rules were due and that if received in time they could be considered at the next Board meeting and submitted to the AGM in March.

Catholic Commission for Justice, Development and Peace. In response to queries from Richard Greaves, the Secretary said that he would follow-up the Commission following the Church Power statement.

NEXT MEETING: 7.30 p.m., 17 February 1998, 172 Skye Road, Frankston

MR Conroy